

IN THE DRAWINGS

Applicant has submitted a replacement sheet which includes a revised Figure  
4.

REMARKS

Drawings

The Examiner stated that the drawing proposal filed on November 8, 2004, has not been approved because numeral 280a was not included in Figure 4.

Applicant has submitted a replacement sheet with a revised Figure 4, which includes numeral 280a.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 48, 49 and 50 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner stated that the phrase "cassettes that is" in line 20 renders claim 48 inaccurate and suggested that the phrase should be changed to - -process stations-. The Examiner also suggested that - -one of- - should be inserted after "wherein" in line 27 and "with" in line 29 should be - - within- -.

Claim 48 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

Claims 49 and 50 are dependent on claim 48 and should be allowable for the same reasons as claim 48 stated above.

Applicant, accordingly, respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claims 48, 49 and 50 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Mark A. Kupanoff at (408) 720-8300.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), Applicant hereby requests and authorizes the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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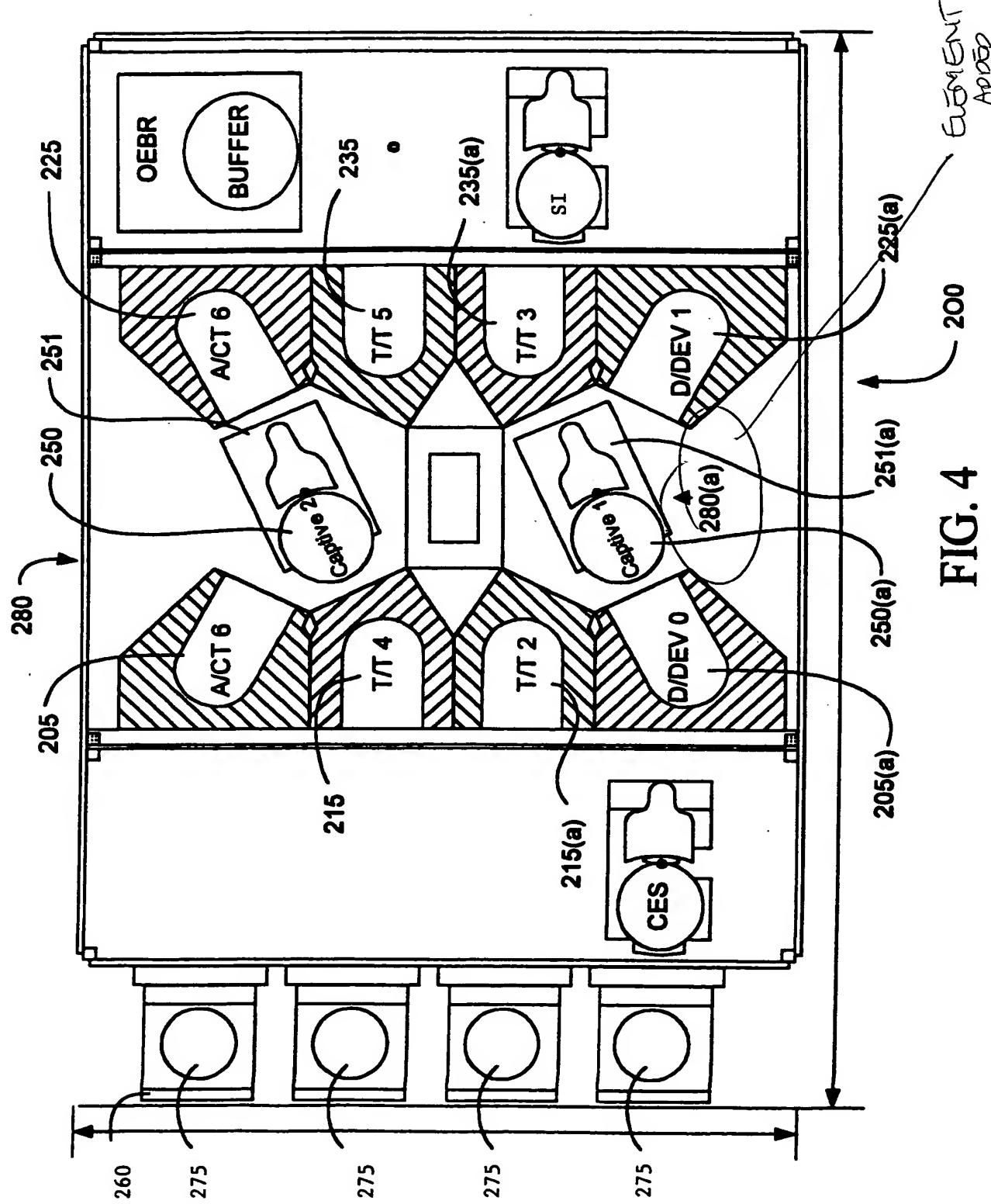


FIG. 4